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THIS TELLS THE STORY

On March fourth we sent forth the iedules that will be recorded in next Year Book. We can now ord a total membership of 18,605. is shows a net gain of 2058 over ten year period or an increase of ½%. Most of this net gain has ne within the past four years with net of 1714. We show a net loss of churches during the year, an in-ease of 223 members and 439 Sun-y School scholars. We show a loss $80,000 in Home Expenses due gely to the very heavy returns ile First, Berkeley; First Oakland d Sacramento were financing their w buildings.

The matter of membership is wor-y careful consideration as we work ward our Easter ingathering. We ded a total of 1514 during the year 28 and lost by death 186, by remov-s and revisions of rolls 1105. First, rkeley, leads with 136 additions; rst, Oakland, 97, First, San Fran-sco, 85; Sacramento, 68; Martinez, ; Alameda, 62. The above are the ly ones passing the 50 mark. There e other very notable additions when e compare the size of the church. here were 18 churches that received and over and 63 that received less an 25 with 13 that report no ac-ssions.

We have in our fellowship 150 or-ained ministers. These rate as fol-ws: Active pastors, 64; pastor eme-tus, 1; denominational officials, 2; issionaries, college pastors, etc., 4; lucators, 7; non-Congregational re-gious work, 3; business and profes-ons, 20; others, 39. We have 80 astoral units with an average salary $2232.50. This is an increase of 34.50 per pastor, a small wage for rofessionally trained men.

We have 108 churches, three of iem with a membership running over 000 each. We have 6 with member-ips running between 500 and 999. Ve have 14 between 250 and 499. We ave 29 between 100 and 249 with 56 nder 100. This last number consti-ites the great problem of this Con-erence. What will we do about it?

BROADMOOR—At the annual meet-ng of this church held January 24 eports showed a Sunday School en-ollment of 399 and a Men's Club of 00. The women have $1280 in their reasury for the new building. Dr. Villard B. Thorp of Palo Alto was ne speaker of the evening. On Feb-uary 21 the social committee tendered reception to the new members re-eived during the year.

CERES—This church enjoyed a visit nd talk from Prof. James Parsons, oted as a discus thrower, who spoke n the Olympic Games and Christian ife as an Athletic Contest. The pas-or, Rev. Geo. E. Atkinson, has a very ttractive Lenten program with its ap-eal for our Minister's Relief Fund as n Easter offering.

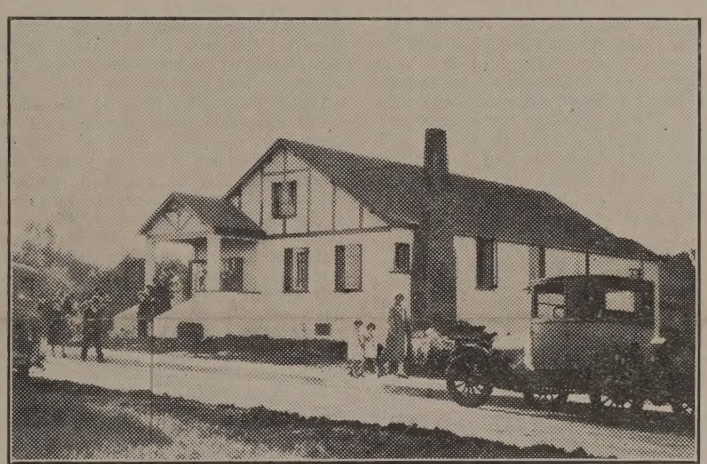
GRASS VALLEY—This church re-ently gave a reception and dinner to hose of the city, who outside of its hurch membership, make annual con-ribution to the work of the church. About 80 guests responded to the in-itation and the evening resulted in eing the community up with the hurch enterprise.

DID YOU GET OUR LETTER?

In connection with the appeal for funds on the Church Building Fellowship in behalf of San Carlos we sent out nearly 300 letters to what we thought were good prospects and thus far we have received replies from about half of them. This is a very complimentary showing for we have assurance that pledge cards are yet to come from certain dependable givers. And what is even more complimentary is the fact that the pledges averaged a little over $8 per reply. We have paid San Carlos $1250 on this account, having faith to believe that the remaining $150 will come at an early date.

SHALL WE FOLLOW THIS PLAN?

In these days of mergers and consolidations and federations of churches there are those who think that the day of starting new enterprises has ceased. Far from it. That day is just ahead. We have been passing through a period of great economic readjustment. It affects churches as it does business institutions. The great business enterprises are moving out along newer and better lines. The future location of churches calls for a high degree of statesmanship as well as denominational cooperation. We are entering that new age and we should stand ready to meet our share of the great obligation.



SAN CARLOS DEDICATES

Five months ago, at the October meeting of the executive committee, a plan for financing new building enterprises was presented by the superintendent at which time it was referred to the finance committee, which recommended it to the executive committee at the November meeting. Within five months of the time of the presentation of the plan services of dedication were held in the new building and when dedicated it came as near to being a completed job as one rarely sees.

It is admirably located, near to a proposed location of the Civic Center, and as the town is expanding it will soon be in the heart of the residence section. The present building is the first unit of a two-unit plant and when the church auditorium is needed it can be placed to the west of the present unit which is a very commodious and comfortable social hall with lines that are helpful to worship. Everything seemed in place even to the drapes and carpeted rostrum.

The pastor, Rev. Reed B. Cherington, has been the driving force behind the whole enterprise and is to be complimented on the high character of the workmanship as well as the speed with which the task has been accomplished. With him has been a noble group of men and women who have sacrificed much to bring their dreams true.

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon as the crowds gathered for the services of dedication at which time the sermon was preached by Dr. Willard B. Thorp of Palo Alto, the prayer of dedication offered by Rev. Bryant C. Preston. Greetings were extended by Rev. R. J. Currie of Redwood City representing the mother church and by Superintendent Minchin representing the Congregational Conference. Other parts were taken by Rev. C. G. Marshall of Sunnyvale, Dr. D. Charles Gardner of Stanford Memorial chapel, Dr. Charles L. Kloss of San Mateo, Rev. Benjamin St. John of Woodside and Mr. J. S. G. Walker of San Carlos speaking for the building committee.

The first services held were those of the Sunday School in the morning with an attendance of 67 pupils. As part of the dedicatory services a general reception was held Tuesday, March 5, and another for the Sunday School Friday, March 8. Throughout these various exercises Mr. and Mrs. Cherington have been helped in the music by Mrs. John B. Ellis, Mrs. F. G. Lyon, Mrs. Lyle Clark, Miss Kathleen Hennesey and the regular organist, Mrs. F. A. Smith. Helpful always has been Roy Hohberger, the superintendent of the Sunday School. Among many benefactions we must not forget the Kitchen Shower given by the Palo Alto ladies which is a notable contribution toward equipment. We urge those who are driving the Peninsula highway to look the church up and if down there on Sunday afternoons attend the services.

THE SPRING ASSOCIATIONS

As we are to be favored with visits from Miss Helen Calder of the American Board in Boston and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dickson of Ceylon we have arranged the spring meetings during their visits with us, and the tentative schedule is as follows, subject to such changes as may occur between now and our next issue:

Tuesday, April 23-24, Lockeford, Central Association.

Wednesday, April 24, Sacramento, Woman's Federation.

Thursday, April 25, Sacramento, Sacramento Valley Association.

Friday, April 26, Kenwood, Sonoma Association.

Tuesday, April 30, Bay Association (tentative).

Wednesday, May 1, Pittsburg, Upper Bay Association.

Friday, May 3, San Jose, Santa Clara Association.

The two Sunday periods have been asked for, but we will have a few dates open to use Mr. Dickson, as he will tarry longer than the period of the Association meetings. Below will be found a sketch of the work of Mr. and Mrs. Dickson, which may help in getting our attendance.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Dickson

Mr. Dickson was born in Portland, Oregon, took his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1894 and the bachelor of science degree in 1895 and spent one year at Oberlin Theological Seminary. In between college and seminary he worked for a time as civil and electrical engineer in Detroit. In 1900 he married Frances A. Hale of York, Ohio, who was graduated from Oberlin kindergarten training school and had taught for four years.

Sailing in 1900 for Ceylon they were located at Tellipallai where Mr. Dickson had charge of the station—they were there alone—was principal of the Tellipallai Industrial and Training School for young men, was superintendent of the Mission Press, editor of the MORNING STAR, and treasurer, while Mrs. Dickson had charge of the Bible women and their work.

In 1920 they were appointed in Malabar, a portion of the mission area of the Basel Missionary Society which the South India United Church had taken over when the withdrawal of German missionaries during the war necessitated the redistribution of a promising and important work. They here had charge of seventeen churches and many schools, with two orphanages, a hospital, leper asylum—a highly organized mission. The Moplah uprising rendered this period a very strenuous and anxious time for the Dicksons.

In 1922 they were transferred from the Ceylon to the Madura Mission, and Mr. Dickson has since then been in charge of the Trade School at Pasumalai which conducts courses in carpentry, blacksmithing, rattan work, printing, binding, electrical engineering, and motor repairing. Orders are taken for woodwork to finish public and private buildings.

SACRAMENTO—A complete Globe Earphone equipment has been presented to the Sacramento Church by one of the women's clubs of that church. This same club has also presented the church with awnings for some of the windows, with a special memorial sign, and with a complete font of type for its printing outfit. The other clubs of the church have just finished paying for the pipe organ. A special organ recital was given by Professor Allan Bacon of the College of the Pacific and the presidents of the clubs took part in a ceremony of burning the notes.

SANTA CRUZ—On February 10th, the last Sunday of the pastorate of Rev. Burton M. Palmer, the church received six new members, five of them on confession of faith. Eight adults and children were baptized, and four of the little ones received the baptismal consecration. During the eight and a half years of Mr. Palmer's pastorate this church has received three hundred and seventy-five new members, one hundred and ninety-one of them on confession of faith. The losses by removal or death however have been equal to two-thirds of that number.

Stereopticon Bargain — Rev. H. D. Davies, 19 South La Salle street, Chicago, writes: "Mrs. Ensminger and I have been wondering if possibly churches on the Pacific Coast (you ought to know) ought not to know of the stereopticon bargain which our office is able to offer to the churches in the midwest. We have a special arrangement with the Spencer Lens company whereby stereopticon machines may be purchased through our office at a discount of 25 per cent. Their delineascope is a splendid article. The Chicago public schools bought over 100 the last six months. Dr. Allchin, veteran missionary in Japan, has had a life-time of experience with all kinds of stereopticon apparatus, having devoted eight years to stereopticon lecturing in Japan, and has one of these lanterns. He says that it is the best. We have sold about a dozen and the churches are loud in their praise of this machine. The Chicago Congregational Missionary and Extension society bought one and used it at their annual dinner, attended by over 1500. They were greatly pleased with the sharp, bright pictures which the lantern threw the whole length of the immense ballroom of the new Palmer House.

"Screens can be secured at a discount of 15 per cent, and new light bulbs at a discount of 10 per cent.

"Our thought is that you might like to include a brief announcement of the delineascope in your state paper in the near future. Delineascope model D is the most popular one. This $66.50 machine can be secured for $49.88 plus transportation. We are satisfied from our investigations that this is the best possible combination of quality and price to be had.

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SOME UNCHARTED WORK

In another column statistics show something of the general work of this Conference in its annual report for the Year Book. There are, however, a few pieces of work done by us that do not register in the Year Book columns.

SALINAS, FILIPINO — We do an interesting bit of work with the Filipinos at Salinas, under the efficient leadership of Rev. Pedro Royola. While we have no building to house our work, we are favored with the use of the Methodist church in Salinas, generously extending the use of their building where we carry on a splendid work among these people. In addition Mr. Royola carries on a vigorous extension work among the truck growers of that large valley.

PITTSBURG, MEXICAN — We are also interested in a bit of Mexican work carried on in Pittsburg under the leadership of the Methodist church, but with a large part of its support carried by our own church membership, where they were housed until they had a building of their own. Mr. Champlin has shown warm interest in this work from its beginning.

SACRAMENTO, CHINESE--We have a Chinese work in Sacramento that has been carried on several years, yet its results never appear in the Year Book, as the membership has usually been in the First Church in Sacramento. This Chinese work in Sacramento is of educational character with a few social features and furnishing services of an interpreter. The work is done in rented building in the Chinese section.

HIP WO—Another uncharted piece of work is our Hip Wo School in Chinatown, San Francisco. It is a school of over 200 students with a staff of ten teachers and runs eleven months in the year. As it is a federation of educational work under four denominations and has no church membership or Sunday School sessions it finds no place in the annual records, yet is a commanding type of work that thrills all who attend it as visitors.

FRESNO, JAPANESE — Out from Fresno is a large extension work carried on by Rev. J. F. Fukishima, covering a territory running from Livingston to Lindsay, and ministering to hundreds of Japanese, the service of which finds no place in the vital statistics kept at headquarters.

This list might be enlarged. The purpose of this article is to call attention to some most worthy and attractive work that we are doing that does not swell our statistics, the most of it new in origin and little known in our promotion. We hope to get out a little pamphlet on these really challenging enterprises at an early date.

SCHEDULE OF WORKING DAYS

A friend in Fitchburg has sent us this schedule:

	Days
Each year has	365
If you sleep 8 hours a day it equals	122
	243
If you rest 8 hours a day it equals	122
	121
There are 52 Sundays	52
	69
If you have Saturday half holidays	26
	43
Daily average for lunch, sickness and other causes, 1½ hours	28
	15
Two weeks' vacation	14
	1
This being Labor Day, no one works.	

Editor's note—Inasmuch as there is an overplus of material from Southern California and a good article that would have to carry over we are printing on our pages an article from the pen of Sidney H. Buckham who, though working with the other Conference, still retains his membership in the Bay Association. We thus lay hands upon his paper and thank him for it.

OUT AMONG THE CHURCHES

You may have seen a composite photograph made up of the portraits of several people transposed into one picture, thus expressing a general type. While such a representation is false in that it portrays a mythical rather than an actual person, yet it does visualize general facial characteristics. This sort of a collective portrait of the church comes to the mind of one who is visiting churches continually, and may prove of interest to ministers who are absorbed in their local fields. A composite view of the churches of Southern California reveals to the writer the following facts:

1. That in our rural districts the church still holds its place of leadership in spite of reports to the contrary. With all of the innovations that are accused of depleting the churches in general, the country parson is even now days looked upon as the shepherd of his flock, and no 11½c gasoline will scatter the lambs permanently from the fold of the faithful rural pastor. Country folks still "ring true."

2. That the average Main street town will rally to the leadership of a conscientious and sensible minister if it is not overchurched. The normal probability curve of church membership for a given community should be used as a basis for denominational adjustment, which is nothing more than plain horse sense in the estimation of the general public, but an "impossible ideal" in the judgment of many denominational officers.

3. That Sunday Schools everywhere are either holding their own or increasing in membership, and that the desire of parents to have their children receive religious training has not followed the barometer of decreasing church attendance. In the suburban districts the problem of supporting a Sunday School that is bursting its walls from the pockets of a small adult membership is very acute.

4. That in the face of many distractions the continued interest of young people of the high school and college ages in their church societies is most encouraging. Youth has not lost its sense of values, and a strong young peoples' program is possible in any church that can supply the proper adult guidance.

5 That the demand for trained layleadership is never realized in any church, and that the consecration of persons of special talent should be commenced in early years, especially during college. Where trained leaders are present in the public schools they often have no interest in the affairs of the church.

6. That ministers in general are conscious of the needs and problems of the modern age, and are earnestly seeking to adapt themselves to the situation. While the methods of proceedure may differ, all agree that there must be a renewed emphasis upon spiritual realities in preaching, and an improvement in the conduct of worship.

SIDNEY H. BUCKHAM.

RIPON—This church is in the process of building a much needed and commodious addition to its attractive structure and hopes to dedicate it soon after Easter. The church has made fine progress and is very happy in the leadership of its minister, Rev. E. L. Spuller.

MEXICAN MATERIAL—E. S. B gardus, University of Southern Ca fornia, is editor of a bi-monthly jou nal, "Sociology and Social Researc which includes much material abo Orientals and Mexicans. Profess Bogardus has himself contributed great deal to the study of these grou in the United States. The Janua number of this magazine has thr very interesting articles, on "Japane Associations in the United States "Occupational Trends of Orientals Hawaii," discussing the rapid advan of Orientals, particularly the secon generation, from the status of pla tation laborers to trade and profe sional occupations, and an article Dr. Bogardus himself on "Second Ge eration Mexicans in the Unit States." In his judgment, there a more than two million Mexicans in t United States, and seventy per ce of the children are American born a so American citizens.

DR. KLOSS, TRAVELER

We are interested to know that D Kloss of San Mateo is about to mak his seventh tour of Europe, with mot trips through England, Belgium, ar from the Hague to Amsterdam, wit steamer trips on the Dutch Canal the Rhine, the Lakes of Lucerne ar Brienz, as well as a five-day mot trip through the lovely Chateau cou try. The price of the trip is $90 Address Dr. Charles L. Kloss, Sa Mateo, Calif.

VACATIONS ARE AHEAD

A reminder of the vacation seaso comes with our office secretary, Mr Anna L. Gillman, asking for half her vacation that she may accept th hospitality of her uncle and aunt fro Alaska who are driving her throug the entrancing cities of our Souther Conference. It is a reminder that is time to at least plan for these sea sons of rest and recreation.

STUMBLING BLOCKS OR STEPPING STONES

Isn't it strange
That princes, and kings,
And clowns that caper
In sawdust rings,
And common people
Like you and me
Are builders of eternity?
Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass,
A book of rules;
And each must make
'Ere life is flown,
A stumbling block
Or stepping stone.

Rev. J. R. Shoemaker of Fort Bi well writes that he is making rapi progress since his return home. H recently supplied the Alturas Churc as a friendly visitor.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT U. C. L. A.

The University of California at Los ngeles is carrying on an interesting xperiment in campus religious work, hich promises to be the most comete program of its kind among the niversities of the country.

The University Religious Conferace is an incorporate organization ade up of responsible and official epresentatives of the Protestant, atholic and Jewish faiths. The Protstant representatives are chosen by ie Superintendents' Council of the hurch Federation. The Conference n matters of organization, has been perating since its inception through hree committees, one on publicity, ne on business and buildings, and ne on educational policy. The busiess and buildings committee is comosed of some fifty men and women f business and professional standing, nd is now primarily concerned with he problem of a united religious uilding at Westwood, as well as the hole question of the living condiions of the students at the new camus. The education committee has two ub-committees at work; the first on ourses, outlining the material which nay be added to the university curiculum in the field of religion and eligious education. In this matter hey are working with the University uthorities. The second is the subommittee on the relation of the hurches, and this group has worked ut a suggested program, which the tudent advisors of each constituent rganization can use in their approach o the churches with which the stuents are connected.

The Conference is operating at the ampus from Newman Hall, a student lub house, where there is provided ffice space for the religious advisors f all groups, and where the student gatherings, so far as religious groups are concerned, are held. The Newman Club, for the Catholic students; the Menorah Society, for the Jewish students; the Luther Club, the Roger Williams Club, The Wesley Forum, the Westminster Foundation, the Stevens Club, and most recently the Plymouth Club, have their headquarters in this hall. This last named organization came into being with Mr. Sidney H. Buckham as sponsor and advisor, and has had two meetings—a luncheon meeting for acquaintance and organization, and a Christmas party. The group plans to meet alternately for luncheon, with a speaker, and for dinner and discussion, every fortnight until the end of the school year. The unusually hearty response given to the suggestion that the Plymouth Club be formed has been interpreted by the Conference as an endorsement of the leadership of Mr. Buckham in the matter, and as expressing the fact that such an organization is an answer to the need voiced quite freely among the students for some medium which would enable them, first, to know each other, and second, to know and understand the other groups organized at the campus.

The Conference budget of $21,300 provides for the maintenance of the student club house where these gatherings are held, and the advisors have their offices, for the executive officers, and for general items of printing, etc., for all the groups. In addition the Conference would like to raise a fund of $30,000 to be used for the teaching and advisors, required by the constituent groups, who are now served by volunteer and part-time workers. So far the support of the Conference, except for a few individual contributions, has come entirely from the constituent groups, making up the Conference.—(Written

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles was held with the Wilshire Boulevard Congregational Church, corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Plymouth, on Friday, February 8th, with 454 present, largest number ever in attendance. A bountiful supper was served by the ladies of the church in Gunsaulus Hall.

At the business meeting following the dinner, which was held in the church, Mr. Blake Franklin, President, presiding, the following officers and Directors were elected: President, Mr. Blake Franklin; Treasurer, Mr. Fred M. Wilcox; Scribe, Rev. Samuel Hitchcock; Superintendent, Dr. George F. Kenngott; Directors for one year: Messrs. G. W. Adams, W. R. Baker, E. P. Clark, C. H. Connard, James Wallace, B. G. Wright; Revs. H. C. Culbertson, W. H. Hopkins, James H. Lash, E. P. Ryland. Directors for two years: Mr. Blake Franklin, Rev. E. D. Gaylord, Dr. Harry Goodman, Rev. T. H. Harper, Mr. A. D. Kildahl, Rev. Samuel Hitchcock, Mr. George W. Prince, Jr., Rev. Frank C. Reid, Mr. R. S. Rising, Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, and Rev. F. O. Wyatt.

The Superintendent, who began his service November 1, 1912, gave his annual report, referring especially to the following churches: Wilshire, North Wilshire, Lincoln Memorial, Westwood Hills, Plymouth, Olivet, Western Knoll, Carthay Center and Bethany Rawson Memorial. The churches within the city limits of Los Angeles number 33. During the last sixteen years the church membership in these churches has increased from 4,851 to 7,667; Sunday school membership from 4,011 to 7,000; increase in the per capita gifts for home expenses from $14.01 to $32.63; for benevolences, from $1.91 to $4.15. Most significant of all is the increase in the value of church property, from $351,100 to $2,763,900.

The churches included in the Extension Society, but outside of Los Angeles, number six, and include the following: Glendale, Graham, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Sherman and Willowbrook.

The report closed with the following statements:

I am impressed anew with the two idealistic features in our American life—(1) The way in which we tax ourselves inordinately for the support of the free school, and the other the way in which we give our time, money, thought and effort to the support of the free church. I do not know of anything quite like the devotion in the Southern California Congregational Conference and the Los Angeles Extension Society, not only to the local church, but to our cooperative denominational undertakings. The Directors of the Extension Society, numbering twenty-one, meet regularly once a month at the noon hour. Many of the men give up their luncheon for the purpose of attending this meeting and spend a great deal of time in committee conferences and in special meetings. I know of no body of men that have, through the years, given so much time, thought and money to any church as they have given to the Wilshire Boulevard Church.

Our Extension Society was organized to help in the initiation of church enterprises and in the purchase of lots—to do in the beginning for new churches what the Building Society has done so faithfully through the years for the end of church enterprises.

We have never had much funds, but have done a large business on a very small capital. The money which comes through the apportionment is altogether inadequate for the expanding work of the society, which needs large gifts from generous doners who are able to give great sums. Mr. Victor Lawson of Chicago believed so much in the Chicago City Missionary Society that he gave the society, through his will, something like six million dollars. The danger in the Chicago Society is that it will expand too quickly and pass out too many church buildings without sufficient sacrifice on the part of the local church. The denomination can have as many churches as it is willing to pay for, but the genius of our denomination is to assist churches to help themselves. It is a wise adage that "only the self-helped stay up."

The greatest work which the Conference and the Los Angeles Extension Society have done, is not altogether in the money which it has given in the initiation of church enterprises, but in the way in which the officers and the Superintendent have helped churches in their canvasses for current expenses and for church building enterprises.

With all problems and difficulties, we may well sing the doxology with a benediction in the major strain.

JAPANESE UNION CHURCH CO-OPERATING WITH HAWAII

One of the distinct services which the "Y" in Hawaii is rendering to Oriental students, might be called their "Christian Conservation" program. It is a regrettable fact that "More Christian Oriental students who come to the United States to study, lose their faith than have it strengthened." The Student Service Bureau, therefore, aims to help conserve the fine work of homes, churches, and other Christian influences during the trying days of college life, in order that these young men may keep the high ideals they have learned in Hawaii and return to serve as Christian leaders in Hawaii, or in other Pacific countries. A considerable number of Oriental students from Hawaii come to the schools and colleges in Southern California. Whenever such a student comes, the Japanese Union Church is informed of the fact, together with data as to the student's capabilities, weaknesses and special needs. The Japanese Union Church, through its corps of efficient workers, immediately gets in touch with the student on his arrival and in so far as possible sees that he forms the right contacts and becomes affiliated at once with some church or Christian institution, and continues actively in Christian work. The results of this co-operation have been very satisfactory.

It would be of very great benefit to our Southern California Conference if our American churches throughout the country had the same system. If our Conference office could be informed of Congregational Church members who are coming to California to live, we could in a considerable measure conserve them for our work. Even the churches in our own Conference could help more along this line in keeping track of members who move to other places, by seeing that the pastor and church in the new community had accurate information about the person moving into the vicinity.

Rev. Perry F. Schrock of Santa Ana makes a worthy successor to a long line of devoted and efficient Conference Moderators. He presides at the meeting of the Board of Directors with courtesy, courage and celerity. The meeting of January 15th, for the adoption of the Budget for 1929, began at 9:45 a. m. and closed at 12:45 p. m. Usually that meeting has required an afternoon session. Yet everyone had his innings and all made a home run before one o'clock. Mr. Schrock ought to be presiding officer of the U. S. Senate. In addition he has represented the Conference in the Portland Congress in September and spent three weeks at his own expense in a visit to Mexico with special reference to the schools and missions on the West Coast.

DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL—Herewith follows a list of the delegates to the National Council, with the statement of their terms:

1. **Representing the Conference itself**—Rev. Roy H. Campbell, San Diego (1931); Mrs. Edwin S. Hill, National City (1931) and Rev. James H. Lash, Hollywood (1933).
2. **From the Kern Association**—Rev. A. S. Donat, Bakersfield (1931).
3. **From the Los Angeles Association**—Mrs. Frank Dyer, Los Angeles (1931); Mrs. E. C. Norton, Claremont (1931); Rev. A. D. Stauffacher, Claremont (1931); Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Wilcox, LaManda Park (1931); Rev. Paul Davies, Santa Barbara (1933), and Rev. Arthur O. Pritchard, Sierra Madre (1933).
4. **From the San Bernardino Association**—Rev. H. C. Ide, Redlands (1931), and Rev. H. V. Hartshorn, Highland (1933).
5. **From the San Diego Association**—Rev. F. A. Schwimley, Escondido (1931), and Mrs. W. H. Porterfield, San Diego (1933).

This makes a full delegation for the associations. The Conference will need to elect three additional delegates, two of them women. Herewith follows an excerpt from the Constitution of the National Council relating to this matter: "The churches in each State Conference shall be represented by two delegates, one of whom shall be a woman. Each Conference having churches whose aggregate membership is more than ten thousand shall be entitled to elect two additional delegates for each additional ten thousand members or major fraction (i. e., 5,000 or more) thereof, one-half of whom shall be women."

Delegates shall be divided, as nearly equally as practicable, between ministers and laymen.

IN MEMORIAM

Southern California is called to mourn the passing of two women whose devotion to the cause of missions has been an inspiration to our churches for many years.

Miss Mary Porter, fifty years a missionary in China, and since her retirement, a messenger of encouragement everywhere, promoter of Pilgrim Place for retired missionaries at Claremont, diligent in every good work, universally beloved, was called early in January. Walking among the flowers in her garden at La Mesa, she "was not, for God took her."

Mrs. Alison C. Blaikie of Ontario, member of our Woman's Board for more than thirty years, passed into the other life on Sunday afternoon, January 27, after an illness of several weeks. In the beauty of her life and the fidelity of her devotion to duty, she has been an unfailing example to those about her. During the past months she had been selecting a special group among our churches known as "Helpers by Prayer," with whom she has communicated from time to time the problems and difficulties of our missionary work; and the effect of this blessed ministry has been distinctly felt during the year. Even in sorrow we can only give praise for these rounded lives so richly laden with blessings.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING—When "we" or "us" appears in these columns, the reference is to the A. Ed. It does not refer to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and his "Spirit of St. Louis," nor does it now include Miss Anne Morrow. "We" extend our hearty congratulations and felicitation to Col. Lindbergh and Miss Morrow, who is a worthy daughter of a worthy sire.

Rev. H. C. Ide of Redlands read the February number of the "Pacific." In spite of the fact that his name appeared at the righ-hand corner of the last column of the paper, he found it quickly. Herewith follows a letter from him:

Feb. 21, 1929.
Sun-Kist-Orange and
Bee-Kist-Honey Belt.

Honored Ed. Sub. "A" "Pacific:"

"Pacific" read from Kiver to Kiver in one hour after arrival. The second two pages ARE improved. Didn't I tell you they could be? The scandal and gossip section still is the most "peppy." Really I lost my afternoon nap (which I do not take) over it. No, the editors are not "dumb," just overworked. If Roy Campbell will really tell all he knows about Agua Caliente, I will tell why the cannibals let me off. That might involve damage suits, but would increase circulation. More power to YOUR arm, too.

Ide is a good sport! Damon had his Pythias, Jonathan had his David, Caesar had his Ides of March and the Sun-Kist Orange and Bee-Kist Honey Belt has its Ide (Singular). In his college days at Amherst he was a great runner. The best in his class, and he was in a class all by himself. That's why the cannibals could not get him. There is another reason, which will be given confidentially to inquirers.

Are There Too Many Ministers? President Ozora Davis, Moderator of the National Council, writes as follows regarding this matter: "Here is something that Leiper has passed on to me from New York. He says he got it from Pat Leonard of Manchester, England.

"Leonard says that the clergy are like fertilizer; when they are scattered all around over the country they do a lot of good; but when they are collected in a mass in one place they constitute a public nuisance. What do you say to that?" Answers to this inquiry are welcomed.

We say that Congregational ministers naturally congregate in Boston for its culture, in Chicago for its excitement, and in Los Angeles for the salubrious climate and good society. We welcome all comers, ministerial or otherwise, to Los Angeles.

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NEWS ITEMS

Rev. Sidney H. Buckham—Concerning him Rev. John B. Toomay writes to us as follows: "If you had been here last night you would have enjoyed Buckham, just the latest, most up-to-date and comprehensive address on religious education I have heard in five years. He has the goods and I think his strength will lie in taking time enough to get his message and plan over with the teaching staff. Let him plan as to time inversely to the size of the church. A visit like that last night will reach a church like ours but he may have to do some organizing of the teaching force and actual introduction of the new idea in some places. I predict for him a very useful future."

Rev. F. P. Rosselot writes: "The brother (Buckham) you sent us at Los Alamitos made a decided impression upon our folks. His spirit and splendid message was a very decided help to us. He is a fine man and must be to you very refreshing. . ."

Rev. Lawrence A. Wilson, San Diego—The Mission Hills Congregationalist has this interesting item: **"Our Minister's Extension Work.** Mr. Wilson is this evening delivering the High School Baccalaureate sermon in the Russ auditorium, while Mrs. Wilson speaks in our pulpit, and Mr. Tyler conducts the service.

Mr. Wilson is to go to the University of Nevada at Reno this year to give the Baccalaureate sermon and annual address before the Honor society.

He is also to give a course of lectures at the Colorado State Teachers' College at Greeley during the last month of the summer session.

Mrs. Wilson is again to be in charge of the girls of Harwood Court at Pomona College during the summer conference. Mr. Wilson is to give a course of addresses there also.

Our church is reaching out through its representatives to wide fields of service among young folks.

Rev. Anton M. Hanson, Glendale—The Calendar for the Claremont Church for February 17th, contains this item:

We welcome to our pulpit today Rev. Anton M. Hanson, minister of the Congregational Church at Glendale. Before coming to California Mr. Hanson achieved a notable work in the successful establishment of a Federated Church in Owatonna, Minn. He is no stranger to Claremont, having preached here during the summer of 1926. Mr. Stauffacher is conducting the worship in Glendale Congregational Church this morning, and this exchange of ministers carries with it the exchange of greetings between the two congregations.

La Jolla—The Union Congregational Church, which makes fine progress under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Charles L. Knight, in its Calendar has this item:

This is a Union Church. Its membership is composed of those who formerly were affiliated with other denominations in addition to the Congregational. Our creed is brief and simple. Our program is broad and of a community nature. People of different creeds work together here in perfect harmony in the common service of humanity and in the worship of God. We invite all who seek the High Road which Jesus trod to unite with us.

Rev. Carl S. Patton, formerly pastor of the First Congregational Church, Los Angeles, writes us as follows from Chicago:

"Four inches of new snow this morning, and 9 above zero. That is really too warm. We prefer it colder here, with more snow. It keeps your blood from getting too thin. Mine is now about the consistency of glycerine.

"Regards to Southern California, which will always be the land of heart's delight."

Rev. Ray Barber, graduating from Chicago Theological Seminary, will undertake the responsibility for reorganizing the North Wilshire Congregational Church, corner of Rossmore and Clinton, Los Angeles, on Easter Sunday. Concerning Him Dr. Carl S. Patten writes:

Mr. Ray Barber is a young man whose future I look forward to with great assurance.

He is about 35 years old, tall, good-looking, with fine address, deep clear voice, decisive manner. His temperament is cheerful and sanguine. He is not conceited, but he has a justified confidence in himself. People will have confidence in him from the start on account of his personality, and that confidence will grow as they know him.

I have not had the privilege of hearing Mr. Barber preach. But in my class in worship he shows a very uncommon knowledge of and skill in one of the most difficult of a minister's tasks, the conduct of public worship. I know the work he has been doing in his pastorate during his studies here, and it is of the best. From his work in my class I could guarantee him as a preacher.

In theology he is progressive but constructive. He began as a fundamentalist Baptist, and during the course of ten years active ministry has worked himself out to the modern position and put himself through a thorough course of theological study.

He would be generally considered here as one of the three or four best men we have; and taking his maturity and his present readiness for a trying task into account he might easily be ranked first. He is a fine student. My best judgment is that he will go far.

West Coast of Mexico—Miss Marie Schuebel writes us a letter regarding the school at Hermosillo, containing some snapshots, which will be sent on application to anyone desiring to know particularly about this important school. The letter contains among others these important items: "Our two new sleeping rooms upstairs, built entirely from savings of the last four years, have been equipped with electric lights. It is much safer and much more hygienic than candle light. The electric light bills are paid by night-class fees. Two new swing ropes went up today—one swing for the tiny children and one for the larger ones. The ropes were bought with money donated by the Mexicans at Christmas time; but as the weather has been unusually inclement, we have deferred putting them up. One can hear their happy cries for blocks. If there are any special topics, or things or questions you would like to have more information on, please indicate them. I shall be very glad to do whatever I can to assist you. If anyone is interested, tell them to write to us and we'll answer quite immediately."

Union Liberal Church, Pasadena—Rev. Bradford Leavitt, pastor. Herewith follows an excerpt from the report of the annual meeting of the Neighborhood Church: "Satisfactory progress in all branches of church activity was shown at the annual meeting of the Neighborhood (Union Liberal) Church, held last night at the Neighborhood House on West California street. The year closed with a church membership of 365, church school enrollment of 260, and the budget requirements of $17,000 fully met."

PERSONALS

Rev. S. H. Woodrow has been supplying the First Congregational church of Long Beach during the illness of the Pastor, Rev. Henry K. Booth. His address is 718 Camden Drive, Beverly Hills, and he is available for Sunday supplies. He has served the following large churches: Plymouth Church, Providence, R. I.; Hope Church, Springfield, Mass.; First Church, Washington, D. C., and Newton Highlands, Mass.

Hiss Helen B. Calder, Corresponding Secretary of the American Board, will be in Southern California, available for addresses April 10th-21st.

The Congregational Women's Missionary Society of Southern California will hold its annual meeting in the Claremont Church, April 16-18, 1929. A fine program has been arranged.

Holidays—A delightful week-end was spent by the "office force" at the seaside residence of Miss Dorothy Doyle (February 22nd to 24th), at Laguna Beach. The Superintendent kept the "home fires" burning so as to make it a complete holiday for the "force." The guests included the following: Mrs. E. Adams, Rev. and Mrs. Paul B. Waterhouse and the two children, and Miss Dora Booty. On Saturday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Wilcox called. The weather was delightful and the sea called the group to hear what the wild waves were saying and to watch the sea-anemones curl up. A concert in the new school auditorium by the Occidental College Glee Club, and another by the Laguna Beach minstrels in the Town auditorium added to the pleasure of the party. Regretfully, Dr. Kenngott and Mr. Buckham were unable to attend, owing to other engagements.—D. M. B.

Rev. James H. Lash, for twelve years the successful Pastor of the Hollywood Congregational Church, read a carefully prepared paper to the Ministerial Union on the subject of "The Subconscious Mind." If you want to know what is in your basement, consult Lash. By way of comment on the paper, Mowbray of San Bernardino reported: "I know a man who told me that his son had been hit on the head and hadn't been conscious since." We have heard of a man who said: "I have lost my mind, but then I don't miss it very much." And, we had a teacher who was wont to ask: "What is mind?" "No matter-" "And what is matter?" "Never mind."

Forward Movement Campaign—Mr. Frank C. Rulon of Cleveland, Ohio, has been engaged to undertake the campaign beginning shortly after Easter.

Rev. A. K. Gleason, Pastor for several years of Oil Center and Oildale is seriously ill. We hope he may have a speedy and complete recovery, for he is much needed in these two important fields.

Rev. H. B. Mowbray, who has resigned the pastorate of the First Church, San Bernardino, which he has served so efficiently for fifteen years, has many ministers desirous of filling his shoes—not an easy matter. We are sorry indeed to have Mr. Mowbray leave us.

Rev. John B. Toomay, the Pastor of Ontario, which he has served as Pastor since 1917, may be expected at Avalon and the annual meeting of the Conference, to refer to "Knight," "Day" and "Lightner."

Avalon—It is expected that there will be the usual large attendance at the Retreat. Search may be made for Fox and Lightner "down below" on the steamer, leaving Wilmington Monday, April 1st, at 10 a. m. Day of Whittier may be found nearby.

A New Discovery—A church committee seeking for a new pastor has discovered the following important items: (1) No minister is infallible and has everything to his credit; (2) And, if he had, no church committee with fallible judgment and inadequate knowledge would agree on him.

Mr. A. P. Harwood and **Mr. Charles** L. Bailey, both prominent and valuable laymen, have recently passed out to the larger life.

The Congregational Ministerial Union of Los Angeles deserves a better attendance especially of the pastors. It meets regularly every Monday at 10:45 a. m. in the First Congregational Church, Los Angeles.